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SUBJECT: POLISH MINISTER OF HEALTH SLIWINSKI VISIT TO US--
POREBA REHABILITATION CENTER

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1. RESPONDING TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCE CABLE, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE ISSUE OF FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF STAGE II OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WOULD BE RAISED DURING THE MINISTER'S VISIT, ESPECIALLY IN HIS TALKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IF THIS ISSUE COULD BE THE MAIN THEME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, DEFLECTING ANY EMPHASIS-- AT THIS EARLY STATE OF THE MATTER-- FROM STAGE III (POREBA) POSSIBILITIES.

2. HOWEVER WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT THE MINISTER PROBABLY WILL LAY STRESS ON POLAND'S NEED FOR A PEDIATRIC REHABILITATION FACILITY AT POREBA ESPECIALLY IN HIS MEETINGS ON THE HILL, IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THIS WITH SENATOR HUMPHREY DURING HIS VISIT HERE AND HIS FORTHCOMING RESPONSE.

3. WE SHARE HEW'S CONCERN AS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR
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OF REFERENCE CABLE. IN THE EMBASSY' S JUDGMENT, FAR GREATER BENEFIT WOULD BE DERIVED, BOTH FOR POLAND AND THE U. S., THROUGH USE OF PL-480 FUNDS TO PROLONG FURTHER THE PROGRAMS OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN AREAS OF GREATEST PRIORITY AND PRODUCTIVITY FOR BOTH SIDES, RATHER THAN THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AMBITIOUS SANATORIUM AND CONVALESCENT FACILITY.

4. FYI ONLY, IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS THE KRAKOW CHILDREN' S HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, DR. BARBARA KANSKA (IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SHE BE PROTECTED), HAS INDICATED THAT SHE PERSONALLY CANNOT SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LARGE FACILITY PLANNED FROM A PROFESSIONAL POINT OF VIEW, AND INDEED WOULD FACE SOME DIFFICULTIES IF HANDED THIS NEW PLANT TO INTEGRATE INTO HER OPERATION. SPEAKING FRANKLY WITH THE EMBASSY' S SCIENCE ATTACHE, SHE INDICATED THAT MUCH MORE DESIRABLE WOULD BE A SMALLER FACILITY (ABOUT 150-200 BEDS AT MOST) AT POREBA, WITH A LESS DESIRABLE SECOND ALTERNATIVE THAT OF HAVING THE SAME 150-200 BED FACILITY BUILT ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING HOSPITAL. WHILE SHE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY PUT THE LARGER POREBA FACILITY ALTERNATIVE LAST, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY SUPPORT THE OFFICIAL MINISTRY POSITION IN ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION, SHE WAS CLEARLY UNHAPPY WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING TO TAKE ON SUCH A LARGE NEW ADDITION, AND DID NOT SEEM TO WELCOME THE PROSPECT OF PORAY' S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH AN EFFORT-- WHICH MOST PEOPLE HERE CONSIDER INEVITABLE IN SOME FORM IF STAGE III IS APPROVED. END FYI.
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